

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Jim Jordan
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Polly Jordan **or** None ☐
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 10/12/15 Return: 10/19/15
b. Dates at personal expense: _____ **or** None ☒
4. Departure city: NYC Destination: Tel Aviv Return city: NYC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Proclaiming Justice to the Nations
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Itinerary Attached
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. ☐ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

DATE: 10/29/15

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip):

Proclaiming Justice to the Nations, Inc. (PJTN)

2. Travel Destination(s):

Israel

3. Date of Departure:

Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

Date of Return:

Mon. Oct 19, 2015

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s):

Congressman Jim Jordan

(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$4418.86	\$1842.75	\$545.00	\$3885.00 (helicopter, fees, security)
Accompanying Relative	\$4335.86	0	\$545.00	\$259.00 - guard, hall rental, entrance fees, tour guide?

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Laurie Cardoza Moore

Name: Laurie Cardoza Moore

Title: President + producer

Organization: Proclaiming Justice to the Nations, Inc. (PJTN)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 1858 Wilson Pike

Franklin TN 37067

Telephone number: 615-778-0202

Email Address: lauriecm@pjtn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Jim Jordan

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Melissa Wade

Melissa Wade

←
Sign

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 1524 LHOB

Telephone number: 5-2676

Email address of contact person: melissa.wade@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jim Jordan
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Proclaiming Justice to the Nations
3. Travel destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
4. a. Date of departure: 10/12/15 Date of return: 10/19/15
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Polly Jordan ←
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Will receive diplomatic and security briefings from officials about the
US-Israel relationship and Israel's relationship to other countries in the
region and will meet Israeli leaders
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. **Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations** may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: October 12, 2015 Date of return: October 19, 2015
7. a. City of departure: NYC
b. Destination(s): TLV Israel
c. City of return: NYC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ *or*
b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
See attached

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
Approximately \$120 a day

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
(See attached)

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Inabel City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$480

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6500	\$1890	\$850
For each accompanying relative	\$6500	\$600	\$850

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (<i>e.g.</i> , taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$4800	Security guard, tour guide, room rentals
For each accompanying relative	\$2000	and entrance fees

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

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Sponsor FORM – See attached

Ques. 4:

Invited: Congressmen Mark Meadows, Raul Labrador, Mike Pompeo, Henry Cuellar, Ami Bera, Jim Jordan, Scott Garrett, Robert Aderholt, Tom Graves, Tom Price, Bill Posey, Alex Mooney, Susan Brooks, Luke Messer.

These are members whose congressional work involves Middle East affairs, with a desire to learn more of the history, current events and U.S. interests in the area.

Ques. 12:

PJTN is a nonprofit organization educating leaders about their responsibility to stand with the Jewish people and with Israel. PJTN uses film, media and other avenues to share Israel's history and heritage. It encourages individuals to become informed and stand strong with Israel, advocating for issues common to US-Israeli interests, educating Members of Congress firsthand, through the sights and people of Israel. This adds another dimension to the educational process, ensuring more informed, involved leaders who return enriched in their capabilities to successfully execute their congressional work on an ongoing basis.

Ques. 15 b. 2)

The trip will take place in Israel to educate Members of Congress on the US-Israel relationship. Breakfast is at the hotel, meals are a time for meetings and educational briefings, discussing a variety of issues related to the guests' congressional duties regarding the Middle East.

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October 6, 2015

The Honorable Jim Jordan
U.S. House of Representatives
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for October 12 to 19, 2015, sponsored by Proclaiming Justice to the Nations.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ The U.S. Department of State has issued a warning concerning travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

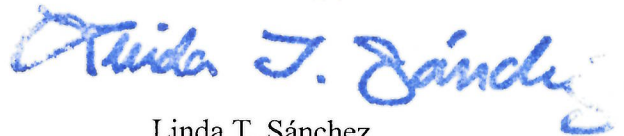
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Dent
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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PJTN Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Members of Congress
October 12 - 19, 2015
Working Itinerary

Day 1 Monday, October 12 Members will fly from various cities to NYC, international flight to TLV

Day 2 Tuesday, October 13

Morning Arrival Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

Transfer to Jerusalem - Check into Inbal hotel - all overnights here

11:00 am Setting the Stage - Orientation and Political Update - at the hotel

12:00 pm Depart for **Gush Etzion**, Jerusalem's southern neighbor

12:30 pm Path of the Patriarchs

Topic: From historic roots to today's borders - a close-up view

One of the main objectives of the seminar is to provide a deep understanding of the Israeli-Arab conflict up close. The area of Gush Etzion is located just south of Jerusalem but is separated by a checkpoint and a nearby security barrier.

** Meet local Palestinian Mukhtar for personal view on coexistence in the region*

** Why is this area so contested? What historic claims are made by local peoples? What do the people think about options for peace in the region?*

** What are the suggested borders and how do they present a viable geographic alternative? View from the ground.*

1:30 pm **Lunch with Leaders of Efrat and Gush Etzion**

Topic: Jewish settlement - Municipal challenges

** Municipalities: Are they different in these areas?*

** Town budgets: Appropriating funds and policy development*

** An overview of government relations with Efrat and similar towns, geared at providing insight into how 'normative' needs of a community overlap with unique security needs, together with the influence of politics. Such as the question of a building freeze in order to secure diplomatic talks. Questions of how personal and national decisions being made, influence the residents.*

2:30 pm Travel to **Hebron**

3:00 pm Tel Rumeida - overview of a divided city

Cave of the Patriarchs

Speakers: Mayor Malachi Levinger and Noam Arnon of Hebron

Topic: Creating borders and alliances - Life in a divided town: Potential paradigm?

5:00 pm Return to Jerusalem

7:00 pm Dinner at hotel

Speaker: **General (ret.) Yaacov Amidror** - former National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

Topic: A strategic look at Middle East options for peace and prosperity

Day 3 Wednesday, October 14

8:00 am Breakfast briefing with Caroline Glick

Topic: Possibilities for real peace in the Middle East? Iran, Israel and the rest - from new perspectives

10:00 am **Meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu** (bring passports)

11:30 am **Knesset meetings** with Speaker of the Knesset MK Yuli Edelstein, and Members of the US-Israel forum. *Includes lunch.*

13:00 Depart for **Dorad Power Plant** in Ashkelon

Topic: Israel's Energy Challenges - New Directions

**Visit energy plant and hear from top engineer on Israel's newest addition to the grid, along with insight into Israeli government regulations and incentives*

15:30 Living with the threat of rocket fire

Strategic tour - Views to Gaza and southern borders; Terror tunnels (if permitted) - with Israel Defense Forces spokesman

Visit with residents, police chief of **Sderot**

** Israel's southern front: Israeli communities bordering the Gaza strip have been living*

under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 and the Hamas rule there in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. Summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, returning this area to international headlines. For security reasons, we do not receive the names of the IDF soldiers meeting our group.

** Hear from local residents about life under rocket threats, visit local police station's rescue workers, view from city to Gaza border. A visit to Sderot is key to understanding threats facing Israel's border cities, and how the years of rocket fire shape the lives of those living in the communities most affected, physically and psychologically.*

19:30 Dinner with **Minister Yariv Levin** and **Racheli Fraenkel**,
US-citizen and mother of Naftali, one of three Israeli youths kidnapped and
murdered before the war with Gaza broke out
(Possible change in guest, if the Minister must leave; guest speaker:
Ambassador Dore Gold, Director-General, Foreign Ministry)

Day 4 Thursday, October 15

8:30 am Breakfast briefing

Speaker: Israel Science and Technology Minister Danny Danon

Topic: Natural resources - Water research, other cooperative opportunities in the
Middle East

** It's critical for trip participants to gain an understanding of the many ways Israel is
developing technologies based on its natural resources, affecting the entire area and
geopolitical decisions.*

10:00 am Depart for Tel Aviv

11:00 am Israel Aircraft Industries: US-Israel military cooperation - The Arrow and beyond

** The IDF honors our request to visit military installations and development sites as
part of the joint US-Israel funded defense program. We emphasize this relationship
because the Members of Congress are involved in details for these projects
through Foreign Affairs, Appropriations and National Defense work.*

1:00 pm Depart for **aerial tour of Israel's Northern borders** - Members only

** Geopolitical view of Israel's borders and Golan Heights -*

*Birds' eye view of the Middle East conflicts. See the country through the eyes of an
Israeli fighter pilot, and as guests of the IDF on the ground.*

Speaker: Chaim Silberstein and Mati Dan

** With Jerusalem reunified in 1967, Israel extended the city's boundaries to include strategic hills around Jerusalem. Much of the international community still questions this decision and its political ramifications.*

** Legal, demographic and security angles of a mixed city*

** Geopolitics of a city searching for unity*

** Includes visit to site of future US embassy*

3 pm Free

5:30 pm Reflecting on the Sabbath: **Friday night home hospitality**

Traditional Shabbat dinner hosted by local residents (casual) - discussion on life in Israel in these turbulent times. 'Lone soldiers' to be included.

Day 6 Saturday, October 17

9:30 Morning briefing

Speaker: Ambassador Yoram Ettinger

Topic: US Evolving Interests in the Middle East

** What are the countries' common concerns? How are they pursued now? Can they be better addressed?*

** Foreign aid to the Middle East - good for the relationship?*

** Responsible appropriations for military and other aid*

** Discuss joint interests between the US and Israel, from demographics to Develop the idea of Israel as America's staunch ally, coordinating efforts that include scientific developments / technological advances, as well as sharing moral values and attitudes towards challenges in the Middle East.*

** Iran will be included in this discussion.*

11:00 Walking tour of the Old City - Four Quarters, Myriad of possibilities

Speaker: Veteran guide David Eisenstadt

Topic: Historic impact and role in today's political discussions

** The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the three monotheistic religions. During diplomatic negotiations, the status of this area is discussed and often argued. We'll raise the question of the future of religious sites for all religions as well.*

7:00 pm Dinner, preparation for Town Hall meeting

8:15 pm **Town Hall** - public meeting

Speaker: Marc Zell

Topic: Town Hall in Israel

Addressing concerns and issues facing US citizens living abroad

** For example, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*

** Participants are residents of Jerusalem who are also citizens of the US - gathering to raise issues of common concern in a platform often used by Members of Congress in their districts. A meeting of the minds, between constituents of a sort, and their elected officials.*

Day 7 Sunday, October 18

6:45 am **Visit to Temple Mount**, with Jerusalem Police and Rabbi Richman, Temple Institute

** Political implications of a religious conflict - how this affects political solutions today in the city of Jerusalem.*

** This hot topic is best seen in person. Now that the Israeli Police have made it possible to visit the site, it is our privilege to provide an up-close look at what may be the most contested site that comes into play in any discussion over future settlements in this area of the world, both between Israel and the palestinian Arabs, and Israel and her neighboring countries. As the US State Dept returns to the Middle East as a focal point of its foreign policy to promote solutions and provide options, this is a major and central issue.*

8:30 am Return to hotel, breakfast and check out

10:00 am Depart Jerusalem

10:30 am **Ofer military court and base-** with IDF Spokesman and President of the Court

Speaker: IDF Judge, President of the Court

Topic: Adjudicating the judiciary system in a military framework

** Justice systems - a comparison. For members of the Judiciary Committee with relevant background, this visit provides insight not normally seen, into the IDF's challenges as military rule is the basis of law in areas beyond the 'green line' and not within the State of Israel's official borders. Gets complicated.*

** International standards and human rights - are highlights of this meeting, emphasizing the relationship between Israel's military court system and the people under that rule. Apartheid, boycott, military state - asking the tough questions.*

12:30 pm City of Ariel, visit Ariel University

Speaker: University Chancellor Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Former Finance Minister

Topic: Israel Start-Up Nation - Does science have borders?

- * Explore US-Israel binational research and technologies with leading scientists*
- * Security projects underway in cooperation with the US*

2:00 pm Lunch at Psagot winery

Topic: Navigating complex political realities

- * Personal story of immigration, modern technology and innovations based on the past. Award winning wines compete in a heated political environment.*
- * The fact that the Shomron is one of the areas coming under Israeli rule in the 1967 Six Day War has created a situation with a questionable future. Members of Congress have the chance to hear opinions on possible solutions and how they affect the people on the ground.*
- * Are they willing to live in a Palestinian state? Are they fearful of their personal security? Do they believe peace is viable and would they relocate if that stood in the way? These issues arise in a political discourse between the US and Israel, within the framework of current talks, and personal reflections give the Members a sense of what the future may hold.*

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Day 1 Depart NYC, USA Monday October 12

Arrive Tel Aviv Tuesday morning October 13

Day 2 Tuesday October 13

5:30 am Arrival Ben Gurion - VIP transfer

7:30 am Jerusalem - check into hotel, breakfast

10:00 am Setting the Stage - Introduction with PJTN hosts

10:30 am Jerusalem: A City United

From the Old City of Jerusalem to outlying neighborhoods

Topic: Exploring the city lines from 1948 to the Six Day War & today

Speaker: Chaim Silberstein

** With Jerusalem reunified in 1967, Israel extended the city's boundaries to include strategic hills around Jerusalem. Much of the international community still questions this decision and its political ramifications. Nebi Samuel (prophet)*

** Legal, demographic and security angles of a mixed city*

** Geopolitics of a city searching for unity, tour along the 'seam' road and view boundaries and checkpoints.*

12:30 pm City of David's Sifting project - hands-on history

Speaker: Tzachi Dvira, archaeologist and educator, Ze'ev Orenstein

Topic: Where it all began

** Getting to know the beginnings of the capital of Israel, with a review of the history and alliances in this part of the world, in order to highlight the development of relationships and an understanding of their potential. Witness history in order to learn the players and issues, to get a perspective on their positions today.*

** Hands-on: Sift through the only archaeological remnants from Temple Mount today, question issues of identity and historic claims through actual artifacts*

** Note: Could not visit Temple Mount on this trip due to security situation, this site served as a sounding board for educational discussion on this vital, explosive issue.*

2:30 pm Arrival at the Knesset

3:00 pm Knesset meetings

- **MK Moshe Gafni**, Finance Committee Chairman
- **MK Uri Maklev**, Yahadut Hatorah party
- **Today's Security Challenges** - developing technologies and shared

Speaker: Jerusalem Police Bomb Squad Chief Moshe Kardash and
Yisroel Stefansky, Proactive Global Security

6:00 pm Dinner, Luciana Restaurant, Mamilla mall - with guests:

Speaker: **Caroline Glick**, author and journalist

Topic: Paradigms for peace - considering alternatives

Speaker: **Ari Sacher**, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.

Topic: US-Israeli military and security cooperative projects.

Note: highly sensitive, closed to the media.

8:00 pm Return to Inbal hotel, Jerusalem

Day 3 Wednesday October 14

6:30 am Members depart for helicopter pad

8:00 am **Aerial tour of Israel, from border to border** - *Members only*

** Geopolitical view of Israel's borders and Golan Heights - Birds' eye view of the Middle East conflicts. See the country through the eyes of an Israeli fighter pilot, and as guests of the IDF on the ground.*

Strategic overlooks in the Golan Heights with IDF Spokesman

** Emerging issues - influx of global Jihad elements, ISIS and Hizballah, at the Israeli-Syrian border: This ongoing struggle is a major issue in congressional foreign policy debates, when analyzing the Middle East's political balances and forces in motion today.*

** Can we identify and support the 'rebels'? Latest on Assad/Russia.*

** Syrian field hospital: Humanitarian efforts by Israel on the border with Chief medical officer Col. Alon Glassman*

Military tank base visit: Including field maneuvers, commanders briefing in the field.

11:45 am Return helicopter flight to rejoin group in the south:

Congressional spouses:

9:00 am Depart Hotel for Sderot

10:30 am Meeting with **Mayor of Sderot, Alon Davidi**

11:00 am Tour, overlook to Gaza with **Daniel Berkley**

** Hear from local residents about life under rocket threats, visit local police station's rescue workers, view from city to Gaza border. A visit to Sderot is key to understanding threats facing Israel's border cities, and how the years of rocket fire shape the lives of those living in the communities most affected, physically and psychologically.*

11:45 am Kindergarten with local children

** Special presentation of 'seven-species' book by Mrs Jordan to school-children of Sderot.*

2:00 pm **Israel and Middle East Energy Challenges** - visit the newly functional Dorad Power Plant, discuss options for unique energy needs in the region, potential solutions. Includes light lunch.

4:00 pm Ashkelon: **Overlook to Gaza** from Israel's fourth largest city

Speaker: IDF Spokesman, Commander Matt - lone soldier, paratrooper

5:00 pm Depart for Jerusalem

7:00 pm Dinner at Olive and Fish Restaurant

Speaker: **General (ret.) Yaakov Amidror**, former Israeli National Security Advisor to the PM

Topic: Strategic overview of the Middle East, Iran and current affairs

Overnight, Inbal hotel Jerusalem

Day 4 Thursday October 15, 2015

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Meet in **ZION B** hotel conference room

Speaker: **Racheli Fraenkel**, US-citizen and mother of Naftali, one of three Israeli youths kidnapped and murdered last summer, preceding the war with Gaza

Topic: Unity in the face of adversity - then and now

11:00 am Educational seminar: Meet with Israel advocacy and legislative activists -

** Educational briefing booklet, policy briefing materials*

12:45 pm Depart for **Kohelet Policy Forum briefing**

1:15 pm Lunch and policy briefing with Prof. Eugene Kontorovich, Prof. Moshe Koppel

Topic: Applied research and development of a feasible national ethos - from conceptual to legislative policies.

** Informing and applying issues to congressional cooperative work - such as potentials for peace in the region; applying democracy and the question of constitutional law.*

3:15 pm Hotel - free time, shopping and prepare for PM meeting

5:45pm Policy dinner with PJTN, Yes! Israel hosts, Rabbi Natan Slifkin - in hotel, Executive Lounge

Speaker: Lenny Ben David, diplomat and researcher, JCPA

Topic: US-Israel joint interests, Trends in policy development today

6:45 pm Depart for Prime Minister's Office - bring passports

6:00 pm Meeting with **Prime Minister Netanyahu**

and Dr. Dore Gold, Director-General Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Overnight, Inbal hotel Jerusalem

Day 5 Friday October 16

9:00 am Briefing with **Minister of Defense Moshe 'Bogie' Yaalon**
at hotel

10:15 am **Depart for Hebron**

11:15 am Hebron - Overview of a shared city - in the wake of Oslo

Speakers: Hebron residents Noam Arnon and David Wilder

Topic: Creating borders and alliances - Life in a divided town: Potential paradigm?

Cave of the Patriarchs

Topic: From historic roots to today's borders - a close-up view

1:00pm Depart for **Gush Etzion**

1:30pm Gush Etzion: Jerusalem's southern neighbor

Lunch with Representatives of Regional council

Topic: Jewish settlement - Municipal challenges

* *Running a Jewish town in Judea - over the 'green line'*

* *An overview of government relations with Efrat and similar towns, geared at providing insight into how 'normative' needs of a community overlap with unique security needs, together with the influence of politics - such as the question of a building freeze in order to secure diplomatic talks. How personal and national decisions influence these Jewish residents.*

2:30 Jeep tour through area; Includes **Path of the Patriarchs**

Speaker: Councilman Uri Bank

Topic: Borders and neighbors

* *Watershed route - The real Bible Belt.*

Across the biblical heartland, an analysis from the field - topography, demographics, from biblical heritage to modern history.

* *A lesson in ownership and personal connections.*

4:00 pm Meet with **Mukhtar Muhammad Saad** at his home, Hirbet Zachariah

* *The area of Gush Etzion is located just south of Jerusalem but is separated by a checkpoint and a nearby security barrier.*

* *Meet local Arab Mukhtar for personal view on coexistence in the region son of legendary leader from 1948 - a question of heritage*

* *Third generation coexistence with Jewish neighbors. Challenges, failures, and hope.*

* *What are the suggested solutions and how do they present a viable alternative? View from the ground.*

5:30 pm Reflecting on the Sabbath: **Synagogue and Friday night home hospitality**

- * Traditional Shabbat dinner hosted by local residents (casual, PJTN-sponsored)
- Light the candles as we welcome the Shabbat together with families, explore the unique family atmosphere and share discussion on life in Israel in these auspicious times. Meeting with Mayor of municipal council , Davidi Perl.

Overnight, Inbal hotel Jerusalem

Day 6 Saturday - Shabbat October 17

Morning free time, optional synagogue prayer visit

10:00 am Optional: Israel Museum - Jewish Traditions and Archaeological Wings

12:00 pm Shabbat hospitality with residents of the Old City

Speakers: Abba and Pamela Claman

Topic: A myriad of Israeli society

** Open house with soldiers, local Jerusalemite personalities - how do American-Israelis feel about prospects for peace in the Middle East. Thoughts on shared US-Israel interests. Includes 'Lone Soldiers', from the US serving their new-old homeland.*

2:30 pm Walking tour of the Old City - Four Quarters, Many Possibilities

Speaker: Veteran Jerusalem guide Barnea Sulevan

Topic: Historic impact and role in today's political discussions

** The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the three monotheistic religions. During diplomatic negotiations, the status of this area is discussed and often argued. We'll raise the question of how to ensure freedom of religion as well.*

5:30 pm Free time

7:00 pm Dinner at hotel, preparation for Town Hall meeting, educational materials

8:30 pm **Town Hall** - public meeting, with American-Israeli residents

Remarks: Marc Zell, Adv.

Moderator: Steve Linde, Editor-in-Chief, Jerusalem Post

* Town Hall in Israel:

Addressing concerns and issues facing US citizens living abroad

** For example: US-Israel relations from here; Iran - what next? ; Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act; bipartisan support for Israel..*

** Participants are residents of Jerusalem who are also citizens of the US - gathering to raise issues of common concern in a platform often used by Members of Congress in their districts. A meeting of the minds, between constituents of a sort, and their elected officials.*

Overnight, Inbal hotel Jerusalem

Day 7 Sunday October 18 - (check out of hotel)

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am **Morning briefing**

Speaker: Itamar Marcus, Palestinian Media Watch

Topic: Power of the media in international diplomacy

** Listening to the messages - PMW is an Israeli research institute that studies Palestinian society by monitoring and analyzing its Arab-language media and official publications. By providing translations of official Arabic materials of the Palestinian Authority, the messages can be made familiar to western audiences. These briefings have been provided at congressional hearings recently as well.*

** Middle Eastern Arab country positions on the Iran agreement will be highlighted here.*

9:45 am Checkout of hotel, depart Jerusalem

10:15 am **Ofer military court and base-** with IDF Spokesman

Speaker: IDF Judge Ronen Atzmon

Topic: Adjudicating the judiciary system within a military framework

** Justice systems - a comparison. For members of the Judiciary Committee with relevant background, this visit provides insight not normally seen, into the IDF's challenges as military rule is the basis of law in areas beyond the 'green line' and not within the State of Israel's official borders. Gets complicated.*

** International standards and human rights - are highlights of this meeting, emphasizing the relationship between Israel's military court system and the people under that rule. Apartheid, boycott, military state - asking the tough questions.*

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1:00 pm Lunch at Cafe Imma- strategic overlook to Tel Aviv: Security, depth and tactical scope, with maps and visuals

Speaker: Mr. Danny Dayan, newly appointed Israeli Ambassador to Brazil

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2:15 pm **City of Ariel, visit Ariel University**

Speaker: University Chancellor Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Former Finance Minister

Topic: Israel Start-Up Nation, Educational challenges, meeting with students, exchange of ideas

** Explore US-Israel binational research and technologies with leading scientists, meet the diverse student body*

** Security projects underway in cooperation with the US. Discuss BSF, Albright, other programs - can science have no borders?*

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** Personal story of immigration, modern technology and innovations based on the past. Award winning wines compete in a heated political environment.*

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